

POLK CITY

In The News



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For an appointment with any City Commissioner or the City Manager, please call 863-984-1375 x 238
City Commission Meetings are the **3rd Monday** each Month at 7:00 pm



POLK CITY GOVERNMENT CENTER AND THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014. THE OFFICES WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014.

THE OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015 AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015.

Thank you

Polk City Commission, City Manager and Staff would like to express appreciation to each of you for your contribution in making the Polk City 2014 Christmas Parade a huge success. We could not have done it without you. Thanks again and stay tuned in just a few short months as we begin planning for the 2015 holiday festivities.

Recap of November 17, 2014 City Commission Meeting

1. **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2014-08** - FY14 Budget Amendment for the Enterprise Fund. Second and Final Reading - Approved
2. **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2014-09** - Approving franchise for Solid Waste. First Reading - Approved
3. Cattle Grazing Lease Agreement with George Treanen Bush - Approved
4. Honey Bee Lane Resurfacing Project Bids - Approved
5. Republic Services Extension of Current Contract for Solid Waste Services – Approved

Polk City Library



Elf on the Shelf (Zippy) is visiting the library. Every night he moves to a new location. During Christmas break the first child under 10 years old comes in and finds Zippy's hiding place, will win a prize. So be sure and stop in every morning. Tutoring continues each week on Monday and Wednesday beginning at 3:30 pm. We will be collecting "Food for Fines" beginning November 1 – December 30. Every non-perishable item that you bring in will result in \$1.00 off of your library fines. All food will be donated to local food banks. Library Open House will be held on Tuesday, December 16 from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 4:00pm. A photographer will be on hand for pictures with Santa. Pictures are free and available for pick up Monday 22. We will have crafts, refreshments and door prizes. So come out and join us. We will have various crafts out during the Christmas break. No Story Time on Wednesday, December 24 or Wednesday, December 31.



Polk City Residents Garbage Pick Up

Republic Services will collect Garbage, Recycle, Yard Waste and Bulk on Friday, December 26th. If your normal trash day is on Fridays, that trash will be picked up on Saturday, December 27.

Polk County Resident Collection Service in the unincorporated areas – Monday -Wednesday pick-ups will be as normal. Thursday will be picked up on Friday. Friday pick-ups will be done on Saturday.

This schedule will be the same for January in observance of the New Year's Holiday on January 1, 2015.

Beginning January 19, 2015, Republic Services will pick up yard waste on Wednesdays. Notices regarding this change will be coming in the mail.

Other Happenings around Polk County

BeFly Bike Tours Christmas Lights Tour

Date: Friday, December 5 – Saturday, December 27, *Fridays and Saturdays*

Venue: Begins at Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland

Light lovers can enjoy a magical experience to “ooh” and “ahh” over gorgeous holiday displays on this Christmas bike tour. The tour begins at Polk Museum of Art and will make a stop at Got Candy for a cup of hot chocolate.

Christmas Bricktacular

Date: Saturday, December 6 – Sunday, December, 28, *Saturdays and Sundays*

Venue: LEGOLAND Florida, Winter Haven

Christmas Bricktacular at LEGOLAND® Florida brings in the holiday season with a 30-foot tall LEGO Christmas tree made of 270,000 LEGO bricks, festive decorations, LEGO build activity stations, a LEGO Santa Scavenger Hunt and holiday entertainment.

Holiday Home Tour at Pinewood Estate

Date: November 28, 2014 to January 4, 2015

Venue: Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

Celebrate Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens, featuring a special 20th anniversary edition of the Holiday Home Tour at Pinewood Estate. Capture the holiday spirit when you and your family tour the 20-room, Mediterranean-style mansion and enjoy your favorite holiday design themes from the past 19 years. \$20 per person; \$9 children ages 5-12. Prices include general admission. Members: \$7 adults; \$6 children ages 5-12. Children under 5 admitted free.

Holiday Home Workshop Series

Date: December 13, 2014, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Venue: Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

Designer Kim Henry helps you create your own festive holiday wreath or charming centerpiece. Supplies included. \$15 per person. Space is limited; reservations required at 863-734-1222.

23rd Annual Polk Senior Games

Date: February 22 – March 10, 2015

Venue: Various Locations throughout Polk County

Polk Senior Games is fun and friendly competition open to men and women age 50 and over. Registration begins January 2, 2015. Games consist of Archery, Lawn Bowling, Badminton, Powerlifting, Racquetball, Rifle Shooting, Table Tennis, Fly Casting, Horseshoes, just to name a few. If you are interested please visit the website – www.polk seniorgames.org or call their office 863-533-0055.



Utilities Department

Polk City now accepts credit card payments for utility payments at the Polk City Government Center. This includes Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover card. Please note there is a 2.95% processing charge on the total payment, from the credit card processing company. Utility deposits and other payments still have to be paid with cash, check, or money order at this time.

All bills for service shall be due by 2:00 p.m. on the 25th of each month. All utility bills not received by 2:00 p.m. on the 25th of the month shall be considered delinquent and be subject to the delinquent charge. If the payment due on the 25th has not been received by the 5th of the next month, then the utility service will be subject to disconnection on the next business day. In all cases where water is subject to cut-off, due to nonpayment, a service charge of \$50.00 shall be made without regard to whether the service is off or on. Once utility service is cutoff due to nonpayment, the reconnect fee will also apply.

Polk City has the ability to offer paperless billing to our customers, which is known as E-bills. If you are interested in taking advantage of this new service, please contact the Utilities Department at 863-874-4808, or email kmckinney@mypolkcity.org, Monday-Thursday during normal business hours.

Polk City Utilities EMERGENCY number is 1 -866- 815- 0074.

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***If you have community activities or news that would be of interest to the Polk City service area, please contact Sheandolen Dunn – sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org – 863-984-1375, extension 238.